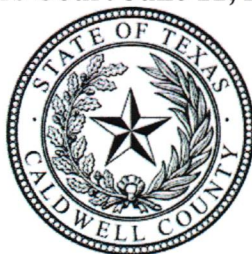


COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
110 S Main St. 2nd Floor, Lockhart, Texas
Commissioners Court June 11, 2026, 9:00 AM



AMENDED

Hoppy Haden	County Judge	B.J. Westmoreland	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Teresa Rodriguez	County Clerk	Rusty Horne	Commissioner, Pct. 2
		Ed Theriot	Commissioner, Pct. 3
		Dyral Thomas	Commissioner, Pct. 4

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Haden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. INVOCATION - Pastor Jodi Fischer, Old Lytton Springs Church

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS:

(Texas Pledge: Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.)

Judge Haden lead all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flag.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Items or comments from Court members or staff.

Commissioner Theriot announced that the Rodeo and BBQ Cook-Off will be held this weekend and encouraged the public to attend the event.

Commissioner Thomas announced that the St. John Colony celebration will be held on June 20 and the Juneteenth Festival in Luling will take place on June 19.

Ezzy Chan, Executive Assistant, reported that 12 employees still need to complete the Cyber Security Training by the end of June. An email reminder will be sent to those employees.

E. CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

At this time any person may speak to Commissioners Court if they have filled out a Caldwell County Commissioners Court Participation Form. Comments will be limited to four (4) minutes per person. No action will be taken on these items and no discussion will be had between the speaker(s) and members of the Court. The Court does retain the right to correct factual inaccuracies made by the speakers. (If longer than 30 minutes, then the balance of comments will continue as the last agenda item of the day.) Citizens' Comments may be submitted to the Court by using the form found at: <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/CommissionersCourtForm>

Andrew McClish, a Prairie Lea resident, provided the Court with a history and update regarding the multiple stop signs in his neighborhood that he believes are unnecessary. He noted that the matter was not on the

current agenda and expressed his hope that it would be included on a future agenda for discussion.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

(The following consent items may be acted upon in one motion.)

- F.1. To approve County Invoices and Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,774,273.41.**
- F.2. To approve County Payroll payment in the amount of \$545,104.62 (05/03/2026 through 05/16/2026).** F.3. To approve County Payroll Tax payment in the amount of \$158,979.68 (05/03/2026 through 05/16/2026).
- F.4. To accept the April 2026 Young Farmers Assessment Fee payment to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority totaling \$255.00.**
- F.5. To accept April 2026 DMV payment to Caldwell County in the amount of \$82,825.35.**
- F.6. To accept April 2026 DMV Remittance in the amount of \$317,261.03.**
- F.7. To accept April 2026 Comptroller payment in the amount of \$428,043.84.**
- F.8. To ratify payment to USBank in the amount of \$19,971.28.**
- F.9. To accept the May 2026 Indigent Burial Report.**
- F.10. To accept the Caldwell County ESD No.3 Audit.**
- F.11. To accept the Caldwell County ESD No.4 2025 Compilation Report.**
- F.12. To pay employee bond for Bob Bush, HR Director.**
- F.13. To pay employee bond for Kristianna Ortiz, HR/Payroll Manager.**
- F.14. To pay employee bond for Stephanie Pleitez, Purchasing Assistant.**
- F.15. To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 April 2026 Report.**
- F.16. To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 May 2026 Report.**

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

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6 11 2026 AP Expense Approval Register.pdf
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Payroll 05032026 thru 05162026.pdf
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4 23 2026 USBANK Immediate Check Backup.pdf

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2025 ESD 3 AUDIT.pdf
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CALDWELL COMPILATION REPORT 2025.pdf
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Bush Bond.pdf
- F.13 To pay employee bond for Kristianna Ortiz, HR/Payroll Manager.
Ortiz Bond.pdf
- F.14 To pay employee bond for Stephanie Pleitez, Purchasing Assistant.
CNA Surety Bond invoice.pdf
- F.15 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 April 2026 Report.
April Monthly Report 2026.pdf
- F.16 To accept Caldwell County Constable PCT. 4 May 2026 Report.
May Monthly Report 2026.pdf

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- G.1 To discuss and take possible action regarding the approval of the Minutes for the May 28, 2026, regular meeting and budget workshop meeting. Speaker: Judge Haden/Teresa Rodriguez;
Backup: 15; Cost: \$0.00
5.28.26 Agenda.pdf
5.28.26 Commissioner Court Minutes.pdf
5.28.26 Budget Workshop Agenda.pdf
5.28.26 Budget Workshop.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.2 To discuss and take possible action to approve a Reimbursement Agreement between Caldwell County and Union Pacific Railroad Company for costs associated with Preliminary Engineering Services work related to the Clark Loop/CR 237 crossing near the SH 142 West project and authorize the County Judge to execute all related. Speaker: Judge Haden/Commissioner Westmoreland/Maria Castanon; Backup: 5; Cost: \$40,000.00

Maria Castanon explained that the Reimbursement Agreement is intended to address roadway impacts associated with the project.

2026-05-09 PE Agmt 415698G.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

- G.3 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Preliminary Plat for Sunset Oaks, Section V

Amendment consisting of 1,283 single-family lots on approximately 92.968 acres on Tract 1, and 130.87 acres on Tract 2, located on State Highway 21 and FM 1966. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Kasi Miles; Backup: 11; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Theriot made a motion, subject to conditions to be addressed and approved by the engineers.
Preliminary Plat Sunset Oaks Section V Amendment.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.4 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for William Pettus Commercial Addition, consisting of two lots on approximately 11.13 acres, located at William Pettus Rd. Speaker: Commissioner Theriot/Nicole Stephens; Backup: 3; Cost: \$0.00
Approval Final SFP Letter-007-2026-12386-William Pettus Commercial Addition.pdf William Pettus Commercial Addition Final Plat.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.5 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Final Plat for Barth Subdivision, consisting of three lots on approximately 10.16 acres, located at Barth Road. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas/Nicole Stephens; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00
Approval Final SFP Letter- 008-2026-42474- Barth Subdivision.pdf PID_42474-_20260621-BarthRdSub-Final.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve.
All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.6 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth, and commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Thomas read the Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth, and commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas.
Proclamation - Juneteenth 2026.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.7 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation recognizing the St. John Colony's annual Juneteenth celebration. Speaker: Commissioner Thomas; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00
Commissioner Thomas read the proclamation recognizing St John Colony's annual Juneteenth celebration.

Proclamation - St. John Colony - Juneteenth 2026.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.9 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Proposed 2027 Appraisal District and Collections Budgets from the Caldwell County Appraisal District. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 6; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Theriot made a motion not to approve the proposed 2027 Appraisal District and Collection Budgets until a salary explanation is provided.

Ezzy Chan, Executive Assistant, stated that a public hearing will be conducted on June 25.

CCAD Proposed 2027 Appraisal District and Collections Budgets.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.8 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Resolution Proposing Amendments to 2025 and 2026 Budgets from the Caldwell County Appraisal District. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 1; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Theriot made a motion not to support the amendments to the 2025 and 2026 budgets submitted by the Caldwell County Appraisal District.

CCAD Resolution Proposing Amendments to 2025 and 2026 Budgets.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Theriot, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.10 To discuss and take possible action regarding Resolution 33-2026 supporting request for unclaimed property capital credits. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 4; Cost: \$0.00
Resolution 33-2026 Supporting Unclaimed Property Capital Credits.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Horne to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.11 To discuss and take possible action regarding a Caldwell County Burn Ban. Speaker: Judge Haden/Hector Rangel; Backup: 2; Cost: \$0.00

Hector Rangel, Chief EMC, recommends keeping the burn ban off.

Burn Ban Order 6.11.26.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.12 To discuss and take possible action regarding the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool and determine county and employee contribution amounts for health coverage premiums for FY 2026-2027. Speaker: Judge Haden/Bob Bush/Kristianna Ortiz; Backup: 12; Cost: \$0.00

Commissioner Westmoreland made a motion to accept and for the County to offset the increase in premium coverage.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.13 To discuss and take possible action on acceptance of an award from the Capital Area Council of Governments for the 2026-2027 Solid Waste Grant in the amount of \$10,050.16, and approval of the associated Interlocal Agreement No. 26-12-01. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley/Nicole Stephens; Backup: 9; Cost: \$0.00
RPS_SW_26-12-01_Caldwell_County__final.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve . All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.14 To discuss and take possible action on acceptance of an award from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program in the amount of \$350,000.00, and approval of the associated Grant Agreement No. IA-0000003094. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 15; Cost: \$0.00
Rural_Ambulance_Service Grant Agreement, Final.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.15 To discuss and take possible action on permission to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance FY25 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. Speaker: Judge Haden/Amber Quinley; Backup: 37; Cost: \$0.00
BJA FY25 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program RFA.pdf

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland, seconded by Commissioner Theriot to Approve. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

G.16 To discuss and take possible action regarding updates on Hillwood economic development negotiations. Commissioners Court may provide further instruction or take necessary action as appropriate. Speaker: Judge Haden; Backup: 0; Cost: TBD

No Action Taken.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session opened at 9:32 a.m. and closed at 10:14 a.m.

H.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the discussion of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations associated with Hillwood. Possible action may follow in open court.

No Action in open court.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Court adjourns at 10:15 a.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Horne, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to Adjourn. All voting "Aye."

MOTION APPROVED.

I, TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings held by the Caldwell County Commissioners' Court on June 11, 2026.

Teresa Rodriguez

TERESA RODRIGUEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

